



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF	:	Administrative Action
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SHARON MARIE KREIDER, R.N.	:	FINAL ORDER
License # 26NO 10335900	:	OF DISCIPLINE
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TO PRACTICE NURSING IN THE	:	
STATE OF NEW JERSEY	:	

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing ("Board") upon receipt of information which the Board has reviewed and upon which the following findings of fact and conclusions of law are made:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent is a registered professional nurse in the State of New Jersey, and has been a licensee at all times relevant hereto.

2. Respondent indicated on her 2014 renewal application that she would not complete required continuing education for the 2012-2014 licensing cycle by May 31, 2014.

3. Respondent was asked by the Board's Executive Director in letters dated July 9, 2014 and October 17, 2014 to submit documentation of completion of all continuing education courses required for the 2012-2014 licensing cycle and to provide

payment of a civil penalty in the amount of \$250, in the form of a certified check or money order, for the failure to comply with N.J.A.C. 13:37-5.3.

4. Respondent submitted payment of \$250 in satisfaction of the civil penalty, but she provided documentation of only one (1) contact hour of appropriately accredited nursing continuing education as defined pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:37-5.3, to be attributed to the 2012-2014 licensing cycle. A total of thirty (30) contact hours is required pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:37-5.3.¹

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Respondent's failure to comply with N.J.A.C. 13:37-5.3 subjects respondent to sanctions pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e) and (h).

Based on the foregoing findings and conclusions, a Provisional Order of Discipline was entered on March 31, 2015, provisionally suspending respondent's nursing license and memorializing payment of a \$250 civil penalty. A copy of the Order was served upon respondent by certified and regular mail at her address of record. The Provisional Order was subject to finalization by the Board at 5:00 p.m. on the 30th day following entry unless respondent requested a modification or dismissal of the stated Findings of Fact or

¹ A certificate for two (2) contact hours submitted by respondent, dated March 27, 2012 does not meet accreditation requirements, and moreover was completed prior to the applicable licensing cycle.

Conclusions of Law by submitting a written request for modification or dismissal setting forth in writing any and all reasons why said findings and conclusions should be modified or dismissed and submitting any and all documents or other written evidence supporting respondent's request for consideration and reasons therefor.

Respondent replied to the Provisional Order, providing documentation of thirty (30) contact hours of qualifying continuing education completed in April of 2015, as well as the one hour course in organ and tissue donation completed on May 31, 2014. Respondent also explained that has not been practicing as a nurse because of an accident that occurred in January of 2012, and she attributed her failure to timely complete required continuing education to that accident and its ongoing effect on her health. Accordingly, suspension of respondent's nursing license is no longer applicable. As respondent has already acknowledged her failure to timely complete required continuing education, and has sent in payment of the \$250 civil penalty for the violation of N.J.A.C. 13:37-5.3, this order shall serve to memorialize that payment.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS on this 11th day of May, 2015,
ORDERED that:

1. Payment of the civil penalty for the violation of
N.J.A.C. 13:37-5.3 is hereby memorialized by this order. As

respondent has admitted to the violation and satisfied the penalty, no further payment is required.

3. The continuing education courses completed in April of 2015, and utilized to satisfy respondent's continuing education obligation for the 2012-2014 licensing cycle, may not be utilized to satisfy respondent's continuing education obligation for the 2014-2016 licensing cycle.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

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